

Subject: HumanDimensions.gov Web Portal Update

From: Hansje Gold-Krueck <Hansje.Gold-Krueck@noaa.gov>

Date: Wed, 13 Dec 2006 15:01:39 -0500

To: Fred P Clark <fclark@fs.fed.us>, Tom Fish <Tom.Fish@noaa.gov>, Barry Girsh <Barry.Girsh@noaa.gov>

Thanks for your interest in HD.gov!

We've been working on many of the detail elements of the HD.gov portal and have just recently begun to see the different components start to meld into a more coherent product. Now is a great time for you to make a difference in what can be accomplished with HD.gov.

This e-mail provides a brief update about what is going on with the portal development. We will be sending a much more detailed description of our progress and provide a first look at page templates and mock-ups in the next week (mid-December). All of this information will also be available on HD.gov.

For those of you who are new to the portal (or just haven't thought about it in a while), HD.gov is an interagency Web portal developed as a central resource for social science materials and a "one-stop shop" for many different on-line resources focusing on the human dimensions of natural resource management. While the portal is designed with the practitioner in mind, specific content is also available for novice users, as well as those with more experience and expertise.

Our focus over the past few months has been to spread the word to multiple agencies, organizations, and academic institutions. We have seen a lot of great energy and anticipation from those of you to whom we have spoken recently, and this has encouraged us to keep pushing the envelope. We have also been planning a meeting that you will all be invited to in mid-February (20th and 21st) in Washington, D.C., where we will discuss all aspects of the site.

Additional progress has included

- Creation of annotated templates for portal pages at all levels
- Development of preliminary content for select pages
- Compilation of multiple resources and partner lists
- Creation of a preliminary conceptual framework
- Creation of a preliminary memorandum of agreement (MOU) for partners

In the meantime, if you are interested in becoming more involved in any aspect of the portal, please contact one of us:

Hansje.Gold-Krueck@noaa.gov – content, links, resources, and feedback

Fred.Clark@fs.fed.us – partnering opportunities or any other questions

Tom.Fish@noaa.gov – partnering opportunities or any other questions

Barry.Girsh@noaa.gov – technical aspects, usability, Web design, Content Management System (CMS)